

## ATTACHMENT B

### ZION NATIONAL PARK COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

#### OPERATING PLAN FOR PHOTOGRAPHY & PAINTING WORKSHOPS

1. **Operational Requirements:**

**Specific Activities Allowed/Disallowed:** Technical and artistic instruction shall be pertinent to the scenic, natural, and cultural resources of the park. All vehicles must be kept on established paved roadways, and there shall be no interference with pedestrians or other traffic in the park.

**Numbers and Separation of Student Groups:** Total enrollment of students shall not exceed twelve persons, plus two instructors for a maximum total of 14. If the group splits, then there should be no more than two groups with no more than seven people per group.

Group leaders must register their group and identify which trail they will be walking at the Entrance Station on the day of the trip, using the preprinted form. (See Attachment E).

**Protection of Park Resources:** Alteration of any park features (to allow set-up of equipment, enhance setting, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Littering is prohibited. Participants are to leave as little evidence of their workshop use as possible and properly dispose of refuse. The permittee shall be liable for any damages to property of the United States resulting from the activities authorized hereunder.

2. **Closures and Public Use Limits:** Photography workshops may set up at designated **PARKING AREAS** or **PULLOUTS** on established paved park roadways with the exception of: behind the administrative offices, in the employee housing areas, behind locked gates, near water tanks, beyond fences, on service roads, or in construction areas.

In addition, photography workshops may travel on selected trails within the park. Permitted groups are sharing visitor facilities with the general public. This permit does not convey any priority use of trails. Permittees should advise clients to stay on trails, walk single file, and allow the public to pass. The use of tripods on trails is prohibited by permittees or clients. Monopods are allowed.

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive will be limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, shuttle buses, private vehicles driven by Lodge guests, and tour bus groups during the shuttle season. Travel in Zion Canyon above the Lodge is restricted to all motor vehicles except the shuttle buses. The permittee's support vehicles are prohibited from traveling up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive during the shuttle season. Visit [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion) for more information on the park's shuttle system.

Additional closed areas: Behind the administrative offices, in the employee housing areas, behind locked gates, near water tanks, beyond fences, on service roads, or in construction areas.

Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited except at designated parking areas or pull-offs. All vehicles must be kept on established roadways, and there shall be no interference with pedestrians or other traffic in the park. **Parking and stopping in shuttle bus stops is prohibited during the shuttle season.**

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3. **Speed Limits:** The speed limits for the following areas are established as prescribed below:  
Zion-Mount Carmel Highway and Zion Canyon Scenic Drive: 35 miles per hour, as posted by signs.  
The vicinity of the entrance stations, Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Lodge, and approach to Temple of Sinawava: 25 miles per hour, as posted by signs.  
Parking and Campground areas: 15 miles per hour, as posted by signs.  
  
**Passing motor vehicles is prohibited throughout the park.**
4. **Accidents/Injuries/Illness:** All accidents involving property damage, injuries, and/or medical problems should be reported to the park immediately at a ranger contact station or by calling (435) 772-3322. All such information must also be relayed by the permittee to the CUA program manager within 24 hours via email to [zion\\_commercialservices@nps.gov](mailto:zion_commercialservices@nps.gov).
5. **Workshop Instructors:** The information provided to participants shall include a review of safety recommendations printed in the park publication "Zion Map and Guide." This current publication is available upon arrival at the park. Workshop Instructors shall be certified in CPR and first-aid care, as well as fully acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.
6. **Qualifications of Instructors:** Permittee shall submit a list of instructors and their qualifications to the superintendent. Issuance of this permit is contingent upon professional qualifications of the instructors. Instructors shall be well acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.
7. **Support Vehicle:** Support vehicles will be prohibited from traveling up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive during shuttle operation season.
8. **Safety Notice:** Permittee shall make available to all participants of tours a general safety notice addressing all aspects of bicycle safety. Information contained in this notice shall include, but not be limited to, bicycle safety and resource protection. Leaders should remind participants that heatstroke is a real danger in the desert. Participants should be advised to drink lots of water, eat snacks, and wear hats and sunscreen to minimize sun exposure. The safety notice shall advise bicyclists that information on the park, including safety information, is available at the visitor center during normal working hours. Additional information that could be included is location of comfort stations and other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the permittee. The National Park Service reserves the right to review safety information. A copy of the notice shall be provided to the superintendent prior to the start of the operating season.
9. **Search and Rescue Expenses:** The permittee shall pay the cost for any search and rescue efforts the park conducts on behalf of the permit holder which exceeds everyday budgeted park expenses.
10. **Camping:** If campground camping is required by the permittee while in the park, such camping shall be in the group campsites if available and if group size is nine or more. Only two commercial groups (**not of the same affiliation**) may be in the campground on a given night. Contact the National Park Reservation Service at (877) 444-6777, or by website at <http://www.recreation.gov>, to make group reservations. Should a group campsite be unavailable, permittee's group may camp in an individual site if group size is six or less. If group size is seven or over, permittee's group shall not camp in one individual site but may reserve two or more sites with no more than six people per site.

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11. **Entrance Fees:** Each time permittees enter the park, they must identify themselves at a park entrance station or at the Kolob Visitor Center by presenting a copy of their Commercial Use Authorization Permit to park staff. This will enable park personnel to verify that you are on the approved list for commercial activities. The per-person entrance fee is required for participants of Commercial Bicycle Tours. The current per-person entrance fee is \$15.00 (subject to change). Guides are exempt from entrance fees when facilitating a commercial activity. **Individuals or groups who have previously paid an entrance fee must show proof of prior payment.** Individuals who previously entered on a commercial bus shall be required to pay the per person entrance fee. **Permittees may not use personal annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes to gain entry to the park for themselves or their customers when conducting business. Passengers may use annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes according to the parameters of the pass.** No fee will be collected from an empty vehicle entering the Park for the purpose of picking up passengers. Tunnel escort fees are required for all vehicles over 7' 10" wide and/or 11' 4" high.
12. **Workshop Itineraries:** Prior to the permittee's beginning operation, a detailed trip itinerary specifying times and specific **locations** of group activities within the park shall be provided to the superintendent. Location areas are subject to approval. (See Trip Itinerary, Attachment C).
13. **Monitoring:** The superintendent shall have the right to monitor permittee's activity for compliance with all aspects of this permit. Instructors shall carry a copy of the approved CUA and present it to any park official upon request. **Monitoring costs may be charged.** These costs start when the permittee arrives in the area to perform the permitted use and ends when the permitted use is over and the permittee leaves the area. This includes all costs for personnel and material, as well as all follow-up needed in returning the area to its original condition. Monitoring costs would vary depending on park staff involved. A Park Ranger would cost approximately \$50.00 per hour for a minimum of three hours of monitoring.
14. **Resource Protection Message:** All permittees are required to communicate the following messages to clients receiving interpretive service:
  - Group leaders should be aware of current local conditions, flood levels, and flash flood warnings. This information can be obtained by stopping at the Visitor Center.
  - Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource, or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
  - Stay on the trail in order to protect delicate vegetation and soils.
  - In developed areas the disposal of human waste anywhere other than in designated locations or fixtures provided for that purpose is prohibited. In non-developed areas, the disposal of human waste within 100 feet of a water source, high water mark of a body of water, a campsite, or within sight of a trail is prohibited (36CFR 2.14). The preferred option for human waste disposal is a removal system such as a "restop 2." If a removal system is unavailable a 4- to 8-inch deep "cat hole" can be used. Toilet paper must be carried out.
  - Take only pictures - leave no evidence of your visit.
  - All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels.

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- Smoking on trails is highly discouraged. Smokers must use caution when smoking to prevent igniting a wildfire. Cigarette butts are trash and must be packed out for proper disposal. Trip leaders/guides should check fire conditions for current restrictions.
- Vehicles must not idle their engines when parked. Vehicles that sit with engines idling create unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution within Zion National Park.

15. **Soil Erosion:** The permittee shall take adequate measures, as directed and approved by the superintendent, to restrict and prevent soil erosion on the lands covered hereby and shall so utilize such lands as not to contribute to erosion on adjoining lands.
16. **Cultural Resources:** Photographic/painting workshop participants should not purposefully set up within the boundaries of known prehistoric archaeological sites. Rock art sites are potentially sensitive to photographic equipment, such as flashes, and use of this equipment should be avoided in these types of sites. Contact the park archaeologist for more information about cultural resources, as necessary.
17. **Vegetation:** Photographic/painting workshop participants should be made aware of the values and sensitivities of cryptobiotic crust soils and avoid trampling on them. Participants should also respect signs or other obvious indications that an area is being revegetated or restored – staying on designated pathways or areas already impacted by human use.
18. **Wildlife:** Photographic/painting workshop participants should be made aware that approaching or enticing wildlife is illegal and dangerous. Participants should respect wildlife at a distance and avoid harassing the wildlife.
19. **Driver & Guide Responsibilities:** It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all employees are informed of, understand, and abide by the conditions of the permit. Any permit condition violations can result in punitive action (fine, revocation of permit and or arrest) against both the representative (guide), and the permittee. The individual designated as the leader shall be certified in CPR and First Aid
20. **Permitted Areas**

*Areas permitted with monopods only:*

Angels Landing Trail  
Canyon Overlook Trail  
Court of the Patriarchs Trail  
Grotto Trail  
Kayenta Trail  
Lower, Middle and Upper Emerald Pools  
Riverside Walk  
Sandbench Trail (November to March)  
Timber Creek Trail  
Watchman Trail  
Weeping Rock Trail  
Weeping Rock Trailhead to Observation Point  
Weeping Rock Trailhead to mouth of Echo Canyon (not into canyon)

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Weeping Rock Trailhead to mouth of Hidden Canyon (not into canyon)

*Areas permitted with tripods:*

Paved roadways, pullouts, and parking lots (does not include park administrative and maintenance areas)

Behind the Zion Human History Museum, either on the patio or within 100 feet of the patio in the field.

Along the Pa'rus Trail, as long as at least half the width of the trail remains clear to passers-by.

In the Virgin River north of the end of the Riverside Walk and south of Orderville Canyon.

On the sandy area between the Riverside Walk and the Virgin River, about 100 yards north of the Riverside Walk trailhead.

*Areas not permitted (this is not an all-inclusive list):*

Virgin River bridge at Canyon Junction

Behind the administrative offices, in the employee housing areas, behind locked gates, near water tanks, beyond fences, on service roads, or in construction areas.

More than 100 feet off the road or off a designated trail anywhere in the park.

Trails on the Kolob Terrace Road

Trails on the Kolob Canyons Scenic Drive, except for the Timber Creek Overlook Trail

**21. Photographs**

Photographs taken by the permittee for advertising or sales purposes may not involve activities that interfere with other visitors and may not depict activities that are illegal, unsafe, or result in damage to natural or cultural resources.

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